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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1343 (2001) CONCERNING LIBERIA

3.30 p.m.	8th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.17)

(continued overleaf)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.18)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [98 (f)] (A/56/306, 385 and 509)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (b) International financial system and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.32

3. Training and research [104]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30

4. Globalization and interdependence [105]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34

5. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31

3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [98 (f)] (A/56/306, 385 and 509)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Trade and development

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.35, L.36, L.37 and L.38

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29 (item 101)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.35, L.36, L.37 and L.38 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.33 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.32 (item 95 (d)), A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104), A/C.2/56/L.34 (item 105) and A/C.2/56/L.31 (item 107)

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* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.72 and L.73

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.62, L.64, L.65, L.67, L.68 and L.71

3. Human Rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.55, L.56, L.57 and L.58

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.70 and L.74

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.53, L.60, L.61 and L.63

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/56/469 and Corr.1 and A/56/619)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/ 431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141] (A/56/487 and A/56/621)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 134 (b) (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1)) and 141 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (A/56/487 and A/56/621))

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* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/56/381 and A/55/436))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report

2. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 28 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 4: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 3.15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 28 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 28 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty))

9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 98 (c (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa))

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on international environmental governance)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee) today*, 28 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 28 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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Briefing

The Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Knut Øistad (Norway), will hold a briefing on preparations for the second session of the Forum, to be held in Costa Rica from 4 to 15 March 2002. The briefing will take place *today*, 28 November 2001, *from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2*. Members of permanent missions and representatives of United Nations agencies are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the Microcredit Summit+5, to be held in November 2002 in New York, organized by the delegation of Bangladesh, *today*, 28 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/56/526) [64]

2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/56/527) [65]

3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/56/528) [66]

4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/529) [67]

5. Maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/56/530) [68]

6. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/56/533) [69]

7. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/531) [70]

8 Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/532) [71]

9. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/56/534) [72]

10. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/56/535) [73]

11. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/536) [74]

12. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/56/537) [75]

13. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/56/538) [76]

14. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/539) [77]

15. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/56/540) [78]

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/56/541) [79]

17. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (A/56/542) [80]

18. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/56/543) [81]

19. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/544) [82]

20. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/56/545) [83]

RÉUNIONS À VENIR

Jeudi 29 novembre 2001

ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE

Cinquante-sixième session

10 heures — 67e SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE — Salle de l'Assemblée générale

1. Réduction des budgets militaires : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/526) [64]

2. La vérification sous tous ses aspects, y compris le rôle de l'Organisation des Nations Unies dans le domaine de la vérification : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/527) [65]

3. Application de la Déclaration faisant de l'océan Indien une zone de paix : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/528) [66]

4. Traité sur une zone exempte d'armes nucléaires en Afrique : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/529) [67]

5. Maintien de la sécurité internationale – relations de bon voisinage, stabilité et développement en Europe du Sud-Est : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/530) [68]

6. Les progrès de la téléinformatique dans le contexte de la sécurité internationale : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/533) [69]

7. Le rôle de la science et de la technique dans le contexte de la sécurité internationale et du désarmement : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/531) [70]

8. Création d'une zone exempte d'armes nucléaires dans la région du Moyen-Orient : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/532) [71]

9. Conclusion d'arrangements internationaux efficaces pour garantir les États non dotés d'armes nucléaires contre l'emploi ou la menace de ces armes : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/534) [72]

10. Prévention d'une course aux armements dans l'espace : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/535) [73]

11. Désarmement général et complet : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/536) [74]

12. Examen et application du Document de clôture de la douzième session extraordinaire de l'Assemblée générale : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/537) [75]

13. Examen de l'application des recommandations et décisions adoptées par l'Assemblée générale à sa dixième session extraordinaire : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/538) [76]

14. Le risque de prolifération nucléaire au Moyen-Orient : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/539) [77]

15. Convention sur l'interdiction ou la limitation de l'emploi de certaines armes classiques qui peuvent être considérées comme produisant des effets traumatiques excessifs ou comme frappant sans discrimination : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/540) [78]

16. Renforcement de la sécurité et de la coopération dans la région de la Méditerranée : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/541) [79]

17. Renforcement du régime défini par le Traité visant l'interdiction des armes nucléaires en Amérique latine et dans les Caraïbes (Traité de Tlatelolco) (A/56/542) [80]

18. Convention sur l'interdiction de la mise au point, de la fabrication et du stockage des armes bactériologiques (biologiques) ou à toxines et sur leur destruction : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/543) [81]

19. Traité d'interdiction complète des essais nucléaires : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/544) [82]

20. Respect des accords de limitation des armements, de désarmement et de non-prolifération : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/545) [83]

21. Examen de l'application de la Déclaration sur le renforcement de la sécurité internationale : rapport de la Première Commission (A/56/546) [84]

15 heures — 68e SÉANCE PLÉNIÈRE — Salle de l'Assemblée générale

Question de Palestine [41]

a) Rapport du Comité pour l'exercice des droits inaliénables du peuple palestinien (A/56/35)

b) Rapport du Secrétaire général (A/56/642)

c) Projets de résolution (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

Commissions

DEUXIÈME COMMISSION

10 heures	34e séance	Salle de conférence 2
15 heures	consultations officieuses (privées)	Sera annoncée

TROISIÈME COMMISSION

10 heures	53e séance	Salle de conférence 1
15 heures	54e séance	Salle de conférence 1

CINQUIÈME COMMISSION

10 heures	consultations officieuses (privées)	Salle de conférence 5
14 heures	consultations officieuses (privées)	Salle de conférence 5

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COMITÉ CONSULTATIF POUR LES QUESTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES ET BUDGÉTAIRES

10 h 30	séance privée	Salle de conférence 10
15 heures	séance privée	Salle de conférence 10

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ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE

Consultations officieuses sur le point 35
(Appui du système des Nations Unies aux efforts déployés par les gouvernements pour promouvoir et consolider les démocraties nouvelles ou rétablies)

Des consultations officieuses sur le point 35 de l'ordre du jour auront lieu le jeudi 29 novembre à 13 h 15 dans la salle de conférence 2.

Consultations officieuses sur le point 20
(Renforcement de la coordination de l'aide humanitaire et des secours en cas de catastrophe fournis par l'Organisation des Nations Unies, y compris l'assistance économique spéciale)

Des consultations officieuses sur les projets de proposition soumis au titre du point 20 et de ses alinéas auront lieu sous la conduite de S.E. M. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) le jeudi 29 novembre à 15 heures dans la salle de conférence E.

Consultations officieuses sur le point 38
(Assistance à l'action anti-mines)

Des consultations officieuses à participation non limitée sur le projet de résolution relatif au point 38 de l'ordre du jour, organisées par la délégation de la Belgique (au nom de l'Union européenne), auront lieu le vendredi 30 novembre 2001 à 10 heures dans la salle de conférence E. Toutes les délégations intéressées sont invitées.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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There will be a closed meeting of the Group of Western European and Other States on Thursday, 29 November 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on "Financing for Development: The Route to Monterrey", on Friday, 30 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 30 November 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Seminar

The seminar on "Towards Empowered Development: Shifting the Frontiers", organized by the World Bank, scheduled for Thursday, 29 November 2001, has been postponed until further notice.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373; http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm; http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Un ion, statements made at the United Nations on behalf o the European Union are available at the following Wel site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4427th meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Letter dated 12 November 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1067)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/1109, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2001/1109).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1109) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1380 (2001).

4428th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2001/1079)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/1110, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2001/1110).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1110) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1381 (2001).

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/37).

4429th meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Rwanda and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Judge Claude Jorda, President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991, Judge Navanethem Pillay, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994, and Ms. Carla Del Ponte, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991 and of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by the President of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Prosecutor of the International Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

The Council was addressed by His Excellency Mr. Jean de Dieu Mucyo, Minister for Justice of Rwanda.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yugoslavia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The representative of Singapore, Ireland, Norway, Colombia, the Russian Federation, China, Tunisia, Mali, Mauritius, the United Kingdom, France and Ukraine made comments or asked questions.

The Prosecutor and the Presidents of the Tribunals provided clarifications in response to the comments and questions by members of the Council.

4430th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council then heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, China, Tunisia, Colombia, Singapore, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Ukraine, France, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Norway and the United States, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Jamaica.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and also Liechtenstein, the EFTA country belonging to the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement) and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Mr. Annabi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

64th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/56/345/Add.1) [125]

The General Assembly took note that Seychelles had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [34]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/276 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.9)

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, South Africa, Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Venezuela, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Zambia, Iraq, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Viet Nam, Belarus and Namibia.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States, Norway, Uruguay, Japan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

By 167 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.9 (resolution 56/9).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 34.

65th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/384 and Corr.1) [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/95 A/56/307)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.14)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/55/412, A/56/470 and A/56/632)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.15, L.16)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/447)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 20.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, the Russian Federation, Mongolia and Indonesia.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 63rd plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

Members were informed that action on draft resolution A/56/L.14 was postponed to a later date.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/56/L.15 (resolution 56/10) and A/56/L.16 (resolution 56/11).

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly was informed that other draft resolutions would be submitted at a later date under agenda item 20 and its sub-items.

Programme of work

The Assembly was informed that sub-item (f), entitled "Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan", would be considered together with agenda item 43 (The situation of Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security) at a later date.

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

(iii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.17)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provision of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.18)

The representative of Brazil made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.17.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.18.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Norway, Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Monaco and India.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 50th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.70

The representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and Turkmenistan, introduced the draft resolution. Afghanistan, Croatia, Cyprus and Norway joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

iii) Projet de résolution (A/56/L.14)

b) Assistance économique spéciale à certains pays ou régions

i) Rapports du Secrétaire général (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/56/412, A/56/470 et A/56/632);

ii) Projets de résolution (A/56/L.15, A/56/L.16)

c) Renforcement de la coopération internationale et coordination des efforts déployés pour étudier et atténuer le plus possible les conséquences de la catastrophe de Tchernobyl : rapport du Secrétaire général (A/56/447)

d) Participation de volontaires, les "Casques blancs", aux opérations de secours humanitaires et aux activités de relèvement et de coopération technique pour le développement entreprises par l'Organisation des Nations Unies : rapport du Secrétaire général (A/56/308)

e) Assistance au peuple palestinien : rapport du Secrétaire général (A/56/123 et Corr.1)

L'Assemblée générale poursuit l'examen du point 20 de l'ordre du jour.

Des déclarations sont faites par les représentants du Bélarus, de la Fédération de Russie, de la Mongolie et de l'Indonésie.

L'observateur de la Palestine fait une déclaration.

Conformément à la décision prise par l'Assemblée générale à sa 63e séance plénière, l'observateur de la Suisse fait une déclaration.

Conformément à la résolution 45/6 de l'Assemblée générale datée du 16 octobre 1990, l'observateur du Comité international de la Croix-Rouge fait une déclaration.

Conformément à la résolution 49/2 de l'Assemblée générale datée du 19 octobre 1994, l'observateur de la Fédération internationale des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge fait une déclaration.

Les membres sont informés que la décision sur le projet de résolution A/56/L.14 est reportée à une date ultérieure.

L'Assemblée adopte les projets de résolution A/56/L.15 (résolution 56/10) et A/56/L.16 (résolution 56/11).

Le représentant d'Israël exerce le droit de réponse.

L'observateur de la Palestine exerce le droit de réponse.

L'Assemblée est informée que d'autre projets de résolution seront soumis à une date ultérieure au titre du point 20 et de ses alinéas.

Programme de travail

L'Assemblée est informée que l'alinéa f), intitulé "Assistance internationale d'urgence pour le rétablissement de la paix et de la normalité en Afghanistan", sera examiné à une date ultérieure en même temps que le point 43 (La situation en Afghanistan et ses conséquences pour la paix et la sécurité internationales).

Les océans et le droit de la mer [30]

a) Les océans et le droit de la mer

i) Rapports du Secrétaire général (A/56/58 et Add.1)

ii) Rapport sur les travaux du Processus consultatif officieux des Nations Unies sur les océans et le droit de la mer ouvert à tous sur les travaux de la deuxième réunion (A/56/121)

iii) Projets de résolution (A/56/L.17)

b) Accord aux fins de l'application des dispositions de la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer du 10 décembre 1982 relatives à la conservation et à la gestion des stocks de poissons dont les déplacements s'effectuent tant à l'intérieur qu'au-delà de zones économiques exclusives (stocks chevauchants) et des stocks de poissons grands migrateurs

i) Rapports du Secrétaire général (A/56/357)

ii) Projets de résolution (A/56/L.18)

Le représentant du Brésil fait une déclaration au cours de laquelle il présente le projet de résolution A/56/L.17.

Le représentant des États-Unis fait une déclaration au cours de laquelle il présente le projet de résolution A/56/L.18.

Des déclarations sont faites par les représentants de la République islamique d'Iran (au nom du Groupe des 77 et de la Chine), de la Norvège, de Nauru (au nom du Forum des Îles du Pacifique), de Monaco et de l'Inde.

Commissions

TROISIÈME COMMISSION 50e séance

Rapport du Haut Commissaire des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés, questions relatives aux réfugiés, aux rapatriés et aux personnes déplacées et questions humanitaires [114]

La Commission reprend l'examen de la question.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.70

Le représentant de la Fédération de Russie présente le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Allemagne, Autriche, Belgique, Danemark, Finlande, France, Irlande, Italie, Kirghizistan, Luxembourg, Pays-Bas, Portugal, Suède et Turkménistan. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Afghanistan, Chypre, Croatie et Norvège.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.74

Le représentant de la Finlande présente et révise oralement le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Bahamas et Soudan. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Bélarus et Ghana.

Questions relatives aux droits de l'homme, y compris les divers moyens de mieux assurer l'exercice effectif des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales [119 b)]

La Commission reprend l'examen de la question.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.53

Le représentant des États-Unis présente le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Islande, Inde, Malte et Slovaquie. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Afghanistan, Azerbaïdjan, Bangladesh, Bélarus, Burundi, Cameroun, Cap-Vert, Géorgie, Ghana, Guyana, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lituanie, Madagascar, Malawi, Micronésie (États fédérés de), Nicaragua, Nigéria, République démocratique du Congo, République dominicaine, Sierra Leone et Uruguay.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.59

Le représentant de l'Algérie présente le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que de la Géorgie. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Colombie, Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Madagascar et Mauritanie.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.60

Le représentant de l'Autriche présente et révise oralement le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Arménie, Malte et Thaïlande. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Afghanistan, Cameroun, Érythrée, Ghana, Nicaragua, Nigéria, République de Moldova, Sénégal et Sierra Leone.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.61

Le représentant de l'Autriche présente et révise oralement le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Arménie, Malte t Soudan. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Bélarus, Bolivie, Érythrée, Nigéria et République de Moldova.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.63

Le Président informe la Commission que l'Italie et non pas Israël doit être un auteur original du projet de résolution.

Le représentant de la Norvège présente le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que des pays ci-après : Brésil, France, Malte et République de Moldova. Les pays suivants se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution : Afghanistan, Mozambique et Nicaragua.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.69

Le représentant de la République démocratique du Congo présente le projet de résolution, également au nom des pays suivants : Angola, Burundi, Cameroun, Congo, Gabon, Guinée équatoriale, République centrafricaine, Sao Tomé-et-Principe et Tchad.

Situations relatives aux droits de l'homme et rapports des rapporteurs et représentants spéciaux [119 c)]

La Commission reprend l'examen de la question.

Présentation du projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.50

Le représentant de la Belgique présente et révise oralement le projet de résolution, au nom des auteurs énumérés dans le document, ainsi que de l'Australie, l'Estonie, l'Islande, Malte et le Suriname.

Droit des peuples à l'autodétermination [118]

La Commission reprend l'examen de la question.

Décision sur le projet de résolution A/C.3/56/L.31 (et incidences sur le budget-programme : A/C.3/56/L.77)

La Commission est informée qu'un état des incidences sur le budget-programme soumis par le Secrétaire général, conformément à l'article 153 du règlement intérieur de l'Assemblée générale, figure dans le document A/C.3/56/L.77.

Le représentant de Cuba annonce que l'Algérie s'est portée coauteur du projet de résolution. Ultérieurement, l'Inde, Madagascar et la Namibie se portent coauteurs du projet de résolution.

La Commission adopte le projet de résolution par 92 voix 20, avec 30 abstentions (vote enregistré).

Les représentants des États-Unis, de la Belgique (au nom de l'Union européenne) et de l'Arménie expliquent leur vote après le vote.

Des déclarations concernant leur vote sont faites par les représentants des pays suivants : Paraguay, Guatemala, Pakistan, Myanmar et Maurice.

La Commission termine ainsi l'examen du point 118 de l'ordre du jour.

Questions relatives aux droits de l'homme, y compris les divers moyens de mieux assurer l'exercice effectif des droits de l'homme et des libertés fondamentales [119 b)]

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of India announced that Bangladesh and Slovenia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Benin, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Georgia, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mongolia, Nigeria, Philippines, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Tunisia, Ukraine, Venezuela and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.66

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget.

The representative of Australia orally revised the text and announced that Cape Verde, Eritrea, France Ghana, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Paraguay, South Africa, Slovakia, Togo and Venezuela had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Benin, Burundi, Cambodia, Guinea, Honduras, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Somalia, Tunisia, Uganda and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.54

The Chairman read out the oral correction that had been made to the text when the draft resolution was introduced.

The representative of the United States orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Republic of Moldova joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Yugoslavia; after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela, the Sudan and Croatia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 49th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/230, p. 13)

(a) Under agenda item 119 (b), *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.66*, the Congo should be deleted from the list of co-sponsors;

(b) Under agenda item 119 (c), the draft resolution introduced *should read* A/C.3/56/L.54 *instead* of A/C.3/56/L.45.

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Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee discussed and adopted the concluding observations on the second periodic report of Algeria (E/1990/6/Add.26).

82nd meeting

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee continued its consideration of its draft annual report to the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Togo (26 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Togo (26 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Azerbaijan (27 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Communications Workshop

The Communications Workshop on the theme "NGOs Working with UN-based Media", held as part of the DPI/NGO weekly briefings, will take place on Thursday, 29 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza), and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day will be observed on Friday, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. A townhall meeting on the theme "I Care… Do You?", will also highlight 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will make welcoming remarks. The President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General and Desmond Johns, representative of UNAIDS Office in New York, will make opening remarks. Participants will include Nane Annan; Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA, and Chairperson, Committee of Co-sponsoring Agencies of UNAIDS; Eduardo Doryan, Special Representative to the United Nations, the World Bank Group; Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM; André Roberfroid, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF; Eimi Watanabe, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP; Mia Farrow, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador; Wendy Fitzwilliam, Miss Universe 1998 and Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS; and Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador. The moderator will be Daljit Dhaliwal, News Anchor, ITN, London. The observance is co-sponsored by DPI, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, ILO, WHO, the World Bank, UNIFEM and UNV. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special tribute

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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